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TAGS: EAIR, UK

SUBJECT: CIVAIR - UK TURNDOWN OF SAS AFFIRMITY CHARTER

1. SENATOR HUMPHREY'S OFFICE HAS REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN SECURING BRITISH APPROVAL FOR AFFIRMITY CHARTER FLIGHT OPERATED BY SAS DUE DEPART MINNEAPOLIS AUGUST 29 FOR LONDON AND ONWARD TO COPENHAGEN. PASSENGERS ARE 152 STUDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS FROM ST. CLOUD STATE COLLEGE IN MINNESOTA WHO WILL BE STUDYING ABROAD IN UK AND DENMARK DURING 1977/78 ACADEMIC YEAR. SIXTY-NINE STUDENTS LEAVING FLIGHT IN LONDON WILL STUDY AT ST. CLOUD CENTER FOR BRITISH STUDIES IN UK.

2. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO SENATOR'S OFFICE, BRITISH ARE TURNING DOWN BECAUSE SAS IS OPERATING IT - NOT A US OR UK AIRLINE. (SAS WAS SELECTED TO OPERATE FLIGHT BECAUSE ITS BID WAS LOWEST) CHARTER MOU IS UNCLEAR WITH RESPECT TO ACCEPTANCE OF CHARTERS BY THIRD COUNTRY AIRLINES,  
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AND IT CAN PROBABLY BE ARGUED THAT MOU LEGALLY PERMITS BRITISH WITHHOLD APPROVAL SUCH CHARTERS.

3. IN ANY EVENT, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED APPROACH UK DOT SOONEST TO SECURE APPROVAL OF FLIGHT. EMBASSY MAY NOTE SENATOR HUMPHREY'S KEEN INTEREST IF EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS

WOULD BE HELPFUL. RECOMMENDED THRUST OF EMBASSY'S APPROACH  
IS THAT IT IS PROBABLY TOO LATE FOR SCHOOL TO MAKE SATIS-  
FACTORY ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS AND THAT IT WOULD BE UN-  
FORTUNATE FOR STUDENTS' INTRODUCTION TO THEIR STUDIES OF  
UK TO BEGIN WITH "HASSLE" OVER THEIR TRANSPORTATION,  
ESPECIALLY SINCE CHARTER MOU DOES NOT PRECLUDE UK  
ORIGINATING CHARTERS OF THIRD COUNTRY AIRLINES. CHRISTOPHER

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